

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 0621

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR ENRG ZA  
SUBJ: ZAMBIA TO SET UP ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE  
WITHIN TWO WEEKS ESTABLISHING AN ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY  
FOR ZAMBIA. FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS AGENCY,  
THE EXISTENCE OF RATHER SIGNIFICANT FINDS OF URANIUM  
WILL BE MADE PUBLIC AS WELL AS PLANS FOR ITS EXPLOITATION.  
THIS URANIUM IS SAID TO EXIST ON BOTH SIDES OF THE  
ZAMBEZI RIVER IN ZAMBIA AND RHODESIA.

2. WE ASSUME THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS NOTHING TO DO  
WITH THE VISIT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH OF SOVIET CHAIRMAN  
PODGORNY. WHILE WE DO NOT ENTIRELY REJECT THE  
POSSIBILITY, WE BELIEVE IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PRESIDENT  
KAUNDA WOULD WANT TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE SOVIETS  
IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE  
SINCE ZAMBIA HAS ADEQUATE HYDRO ELECTRIC ENERGY FROM  
KARIBA, THE KAFUE GORGE AND LIVINGSTONE FOR THE  
IMMEDIATE FUTURE. IT MIGHT BE TEMPTED, HOWEVER,  
TO FLOAT THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR ENERGY  
DEVELOPMENT WITH OUTSIDE HELP FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL  
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IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE TO THE SOUTH. LOW

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